

Current Listing of Claims:

1-26 (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) A method of treatment, ~~formulating a biodegradable barrier composition for hindering transport of an agent away from a tissue, which comprises the steps of comprising:~~

delivering a treatment agent to a tissue, the treatment agent within
~~admixing~~ a barrier having a binding member and a delivery carrier, the ~~barrier component~~ binding member being present in an amount sufficient to couple to a surface of the tissue and to permit transport of the treatment agent from the tissue at a lower rate than transport in the absence of the barrier component, wherein the barrier is biodegradable and hinders transport of the agent away from the tissue but allows the agent to migrate towards the tissue.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein the binding member is a counter ion of an ionic a member on the surface of the tissue for attachment of the binding member.

29. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein the binding member is a cationic member and the member on the surface of the tissue is an anionic member.

30. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein the binding member is an anionic member and the member on the surface of the tissue is a cationic member.

31. (Original) The method of Claim 27, wherein the barrier component includes an amino acid.

32. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the amino acid is poly-L-lysine.

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48. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the tissue is myocardial tissue.